EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with T. Chyau Liang on 1/4/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 6 has been amended to read: "A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- (a) an antagonist of a hLRTM4 gene transcript, wherein the hLRTM4 gene transcript has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein the antagonist is a polynucleotide consisting of a contiguous fragment of 30-100 bases that hybridize to the hLRTM4 gene transcript; and
 - (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, diluent, or carrier."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AMY BOWMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-0755. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 - 4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tracy Vivlemore can be reached on (571) 272-2914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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